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### **NOTES ON THE ANDERS PROJECT**

#### **Further information on the collection and arrangements at Hoover Library**

We are informed that no part of the collection can be sent to Washington on loan.

Dr. Fisher is able and willing to provide working space for a team of four and has expressed a preference for no work to start prior to 11 September, unless there is urgent need for the project to get underway earlier. Previously it was indicated that arrangements for more than four people might be made later if it were necessary; this was not confirmed in this later information, and it seems unlikely that a full team of ten could be accommodated at any time.

Dr. Fisher believes that information of value should be micro-filmed once a week, at the Library, and that the undeveloped film should then be sent to Washington. Because of the length of time involved it is considered impracticable to attempt to develop the microfilm on the west coast. It is estimated that the cost per batch of microfilming without developing will be about three cents. The microfilm operator can handle about 240 batches per hour.

Mr. Sverakowski believes that a team of four, fluent in Polish and thoroughly briefed prior to departure, should be able to read an average of 15 pages per hour and at that rate could complete the project in about six months. In this estimate the 42,000 questionnaires were counted as 68,000 pages, and it was estimated that there were about 200,000 items in all, including indices, catalogs, captured documents and photographs. Mr. Sverakowski, it is understood, believes that the major interest will center around the questionnaires, and that only a small percentage of them will actually have to be microfilmed.

Mr. Arlet did not cover the photographs, as the collection has not yet been opened (as of 31 July). It is only known that they consist of some 4,280 negatives. They may just be pictures of the Polish PW's and contain no valuable identifications, but the existence of this collection should be taken into account in briefing the team.

With regard to the original suggestion of sending a team of ten persons, Hoover Library officials consider that such a large number would attract undue attention and therefore constitute somewhat of a security risk. It is to be noted that they appear to be as concerned about keeping concealed the exploitation of their collections by U.S. intelligence agencies as are the agencies themselves, and may be counted on to cooperate if necessary in providing a cover designation for the group, arranging for credit references for individuals, etc. It is suggested that a post office box might be rented by an individual for mail.

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### Personnel Requirements

These have been estimated as follows, for one year:

1 GS-11 Intelligence Analyst @ \$8,400 (from Air Force)	\$ 8,400.
7 GS-9 Intelligence Analysts @ \$4,600 (two from Air Force)	32,200.
1 GS-5 Administrative Assistant @ \$3,100	3,100.
1 GS-3 Clerk-Typist @ \$2,650	<u>2,650.</u>
	\$43,350.

These were based on Mr. Arlet's original estimates for exploiting the collection for Air Studies Division interests, which assumed that 100 man-days would be required to screen the material, consisting of about 70,000 pages, and that from 5-10 percent would be found to be of value. Assuming that, taking all intelligence interests into account, 20 percent would be of value, and that correspondingly one man-year of 226 working days would be needed for screening, we have the following figures, for what they are worth:

70,000 pages

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14,000 pages to be exploited, at 10 pages per day - 1,400 man-days

Add for screening - 226 "

Working days in year - 226)1,626(8 linguists

It is suggested that these personnel estimates be let stand however uncertain the basis from which they were arrived at. It is believed Mr. Sveroskovsky's screening estimate implies a more thorough perusal of the material than will be practically necessary.

### Extent of Exploitation

This will depend on specific briefing from the interested agencies. A review of the statements of interest submitted by these agencies after the 22 March 1950 meeting of the joint committee on the subject reveals that most of them are included, in general terms in the interests of the Air Force as stated in Colonel Ross's memorandum, APOIR-00-6, 24 March 1950, with only a difference in emphasis or details. The information from these statements will be provided.

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division  
Attention: [redacted]  
Chief, [redacted]

31 July 1950

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1. Since [redacted] on the telephone last week, 50X1  
some additional information has been received from this Division's [redacted] 50X1  
Office.

2. Dr. Fisher is able and willing to provide working space for a team of four and has expressed a preference for no work to start prior to 11 September, unless there is urgent need for the project to get underway earlier. He believes that information of value should be microfilmed once a week, at the Library, and that the undeveloped film should then be sent to Washington. Our [redacted] 50X1  
Office advises us that because of the length of time involved it is entirely impracticable to attempt to develop the microfilm on the west coast, for what it is worth, estimating that the cost per batch of microfilming without developing will be about three cents. The microfilm operator can handle about 250 batches per hour.

3. [redacted] believes that a team of four, fluent in Polish and 50X1  
thoroughly briefed prior to departure, should be able to read an average of 15 pages per hour and at that rate could complete the project in about six months. This estimate is based on the process of 42,000 questionnaires consisting of 68,000 handwritten pages. In addition to the questionnaires, there are: Indices, catalogues, captured documents and photographs, a total of about 200,000 items, but if Arlet's survey and Sgarakowski's judgement are correct, major interest will center around the questionnaires and only a small percentage of those will actually have to be microfilmed. Arlet did not cover the photographs in his survey and as the collection has not yet been opened, it is unknown whether they might be of any value. All that is known is that it is a collection of some 4,330 negatives, but as it does exist it is suggested that prior to departure the team get some idea from the Graphics Register of 66B as to possible interest in the collection. The collection may just contain pictures of the Polish PW's and may have no identifying data.

4. In commenting on your original suggestion that a team of ten be sent to Hoover, the officials concerned suggested that such a large number of men would constitute somewhat of a security risk as they would be bound to attract attention. Our field office feels that the comment is a valid one and adds the weight of its own opinion to the fact that the Hoover Library is not entirely free of persons who are inordinately curious and whose motivation might definitely be suspect.

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